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SUBJECT: THRACIAN ART EXHIBIT

1. CHRISTINE ROUSSEL, DIRECTOR OF REPRODUCTION STUDY AND

CATALOG PREPARATION FOR METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK (MMA), HAS BEEN IN SOFIA DISCUSSING WITH GOB OFFICIALS MODALITIES FOR SHOWING THRACIAN ARTS EXHIBIT NEXT YEAR. ROUSSEL ASKS THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE SUMMARIZING HER DISCUSSIONS, BE PASSED TO MUSEUM DIRECTOR THOMAS HOVING IN MOSCOW (SOVIET CULTURAL MINISTRY IS HOSTING HOVING AT EITHER HOTEL NATIONAL OR HOTEL INTOURIST). SHE ALSO ASKS MESSAGE BE RELAYED TO FRED BORGJGDT AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IN NEW YORK.

2. (BEGIN MESSAGE) A. BULGARIANS WILL HAVE ONLY ONE SHOW IN U.S. TO BE HELD AT MMA. THEY DON'T WANT SITES.

B. RECONFIRMED SHOW DATES JULY 12-SJ#

AND ROYALTY

AGREEMENT OF 5 PER CENT.

C. DUE TO THRACIAN MATERIAL BEING EXHIBITED IN POLAND, CUBA AND MEXICO BEFORE U.S. SHOW, ONLY AVAILABLE TIME KYOT FOR PHOTOS AND MOLDS IS AUG 10-SEPT 9 IN WARSAW. BULGARIANS WILL WORK OUT PERMISSIONS AND CONDITIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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WITH POLES.

D. PHOTO AND MOLD AGREEMENT MUST BE WRITTEN AND SIGNED
BEFORE WORK STARTS.

E. RETURNING TO ATHENS WEDNESDAY. AWAIT YOUR CONFIRMATION BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER. CONTACT ME VIA TELEX
214617 MIDI GR AND INFORM U.S. EMBASSY SOFIA VIA TELEX
22690 EMEMBASY BU. CHRISTINE. (END MESSAGE)

3. PROJECT OF PLACING THRACIAN EXHIBIT IN METROPOLITAN MUSEUM IS IMPORTANT TO OUR OWN CULTURAL PROGRAMMING IN BULGARIA AND HAS RECEIVED HIGH LEVEL FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FROM BOTHIXEPT AND THIS EMBASSY. THEREFORE WOULD APPRECIATE MOSCOW'S HELP IN TRANSMITTING THIS MESSAGE TO HOVING AND RELAYING HIS REPLY. ASSUMING ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR MOLDING/PHOTOGRAPHY OF SOME EXHIBIT ITEMS IN WARSAW, WE HAVE GIVEN ROUSSEL NAMES OF WARSAW PAO BRADSHAW AND CAO GOSSENDE AS CONTACTS FOR POSSIBLE MESSAGE-RELAYING, ADVICE ON DEALING WITH POLISH BUREAUCRACY AND CUSTOMS, AND GENERAL GOOD OFFICES. WHILE BULGARIANS MUST BEAR LION'S SHARE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR WARSAW ARRANGEMENTS, WE (AND WE BELIEVE DDTT) WILL GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY'S MOSCOW AND WARSAW.

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